

HOUSE BILL 3884  
By Buck

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,  
Chapter 1, relative to caucuses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 3-1-1\_\_.

(a) Each caucus of the general assembly shall make full disclosure of the sources of contributions received and expenditures made by submitting statements to the registry of election finance within ten (10) days following conclusion of the quarterly periods ending March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31.

(1) The statement shall include:

(A) Under sources of contributions, a list of all contributions received including the full name and complete address of each person who contributes during the period for which the statement is submitted, the amount contributed by that person, and the date of receipt of each contribution.

(B) Under expenditures, a list of all expenditures made including the full name and complete address of each person to whom an amount was disbursed during the period for which the statement is submitted, the total amount disbursed to that person, and the purpose of such disbursement. The purpose shall be clearly identified and ambiguous words and phrases including "credit card purchase", "other", "reimbursement", or "related expenses" shall not be considered

acceptable descriptions for such purpose. Any purchase made with a credit card shall be disclosed as a payment to the vendor providing the service. Credit card payments to separate vendors shall be disclosed as separate expenditures.

(2) Statements filed pursuant to this subsection shall not be cumulative.

Each statement shall reflect the total for its own reporting period.

(3) The registry of election finance shall forward statements filed pursuant to subsection (a) to the office of management information services to be posted by the office of management information services on the general assembly website. The office of management information services shall post a link to the statements on the home page of the general assembly website.

(b) Each caucus of the general assembly shall maintain its records and financial accounts in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, shall retain such records for a period of at least five (5) years after the close of the appropriate fiscal year, and shall make such records available for audit and review by the state upon request of the comptroller of the treasury or the comptroller's designated representative.

(c) For purposes of this section, "caucus" includes any association of two (2) or more members of the general assembly that pursues a common interest through educational, policy development, political, religious, strategic, recreational or fundraising activities. "Caucus" also includes any association of members of the general assembly whose membership is determined by geographic location of the member's districts, ethnic affinity, political affinity, gender, age, years of service in the general assembly, occupation or profession, religion, national origin, or race. The term "caucus" does not include any standing, select, ad hoc or statutory committee of the general assembly.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

